

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A multi-use carrier comprising:

a single die-cut sheet made of a flexible material having a first plurality of crease lines, a second plurality of crease lines, a handle cutout, a plurality of slots, a plurality of tabs, and a plurality of vessel apertures,

whereby a first pivoting action applied to the first plurality of crease lines substantially erects the single die sheet to an expanded carrier having the handle cutout define a handle and the plurality of vessel apertures disposed along the perimeter of the carrier, and a second pivoting action applied to the second plurality of crease lines engages the plurality of tabs with the plurality of slots to form a central chamber that is spanned by the handle and is surrounded by the plurality of vessel apertures.

2. (Original) The multi-use carrier of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of apertures includes apertures having shapes that are substantially circular, oval, square, diamond, and X patterned.

3. (Previously Presented) The multi-use carrier of Claim 2 wherein the plurality of apertures further includes groups of aperture shapes.

4. (Previously Presented) The multi-use carrier of Claim 1, wherein the flexible material includes paper-based materials, plastic-based materials, and hybrid plastic and paper-based materials.

5. (Previously Presented) The multi-use carrier of Claim 4, wherein the paper-based products include corrugated cardboard, the corrugated cardboard further including fluting grades A, B, C, E, F, and micro-fluting.

6. (Original) The multi-use carrier of Claim 1, wherein the handle has surfaces for receiving a plurality of printed messages and images concerning food, beverage, gardening,

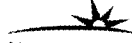
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janitorial, construction, microbiological, chemical, nuclear, business coupons, and recreational board game subject matters.

7. (Previously Presented) The multi-use carrier of Claim 1, wherein the chamber includes a plurality of external walls having surfaces for receiving a plurality of printed messages and images concerning food, beverage, gardening, janitorial, construction, microbiological, chemical, nuclear, business coupons, and recreational board game subject matters.

8. (Previously Presented) The multi-use carrier of Claim 1, wherein the chamber includes a plurality of internal walls having surfaces for receiving a plurality of printed messages and images concerning food, beverage, gardening, janitorial, construction, microbiological, chemical, nuclear, business coupons, and recreational board game subject matters.

9. (Original) The multi-use carrier of Claim 1, wherein the expanded carrier includes a bottom having a surface for receiving a plurality of printed messages and images concerning food, beverage, gardening, janitorial, construction, microbiological, chemical, nuclear, business coupons, and recreational board game subject matters.

10. (Previously Presented) A single die sheet expandable into a multi-use carrier comprising:

a sheet of flexible material having a first plurality of crease lines, a second plurality of crease lines, a handle cutout, a plurality of slots, a plurality of tabs, and a plurality of vessel apertures,

whereby a first pivoting action applied to the plurality set of crease lines substantially erects the single die sheet to an expanded carrier having the handle cutout define a handle and the plurality of vessel apertures disposed along the perimeter of the carrier, and a second pivoting action applied to the second plurality of crease lines engages the plurality of tabs with the plurality of slots to form a central chamber that is spanned by the handle and is surrounded by the plurality of vessel apertures.

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11. (Original) The single die sheet of Claim 10, wherein the plurality of apertures includes apertures having shapes that are substantially circular, oval, square, diamond, and X patterned.

12. (Previously Presented) The single die sheet of Claim 11, wherein the plurality of apertures further includes groups of aperture shapes.

13. (Original) The single die sheet of Claim 10, wherein the flexible material includes corrugated cardboard selected from group consisting of fluting grades A, B, C, E, F, and micro-fluting.

14. (Original) The single die sheet of Claim 10, wherein the handle has surfaces for receiving a plurality of printed messages and images concerning food, beverage, gardening, janitorial, construction, microbiological, chemical, nuclear, business coupons, and recreational board game subject matters.

15. (Original) The single die sheet of Claim 10, wherein the plurality of external walls has surfaces for receiving a plurality of printed messages and images concerning food, beverage, gardening, janitorial, construction, microbiological, chemical, nuclear, business coupons, and recreational board game subject matters.

16. (Original) The single die sheet of Claim 10, wherein the expanded carrier is approximately 11½ inches long, 7½ inches wide, approximately 2½ inches high as determined by the height of the external walls of the chamber, and includes the central chamber having a length of approximately 7½ inches, a width of approximately 3½ inches, and a height of approximately 2 inches as determined by the height of the internal walls of the chamber.

17. (Original) The single die sheet of Claim 10, wherein the expanded carrier is approximately 15½ inches long, 9 inches wide, approximately 2½ inches high as determined by the height of the external walls of the chamber, and includes the central chamber having a length

of approximately 8⁵/₈ inches, a width of approximately 6¹/₂ inches, and a height of approximately 2 inches as determined by the height of the internal walls of the chamber.

18. (Previously Presented) A multi-use carrier comprising:

a collapsed carrier substantially folded into approximately three layers, the collapsed carrier made from a plurality of nonflexible panels, the collapsed carrier including:

a handle;

a first plurality of hinges connecting the nonflexible panels;

a bottom having a plurality of slots;

a plurality of exterior walls;

a first plurality of interior walls;

a second plurality of interior walls, the second plurality of interior walls having tabs and a second plurality of hinges; and

a plurality of vessel apertures,

such that a first pivoting action applied to the first plurality of hinges followed by a second pivoting action applied to the second plurality of hinges pivots the interior walls and inserts the tabs into the slots and transforms the collapsed carrier into an expanded carrier wherein the handle spans across a central chamber and the central chamber is surrounded by the plurality of vessel apertures.

19. (Previously Presented) The multi-use carrier of Claim 18, wherein the nonflexible panels are made from metals, woods, plastics, fiberglass, hard pressed fiber papers and any combination of metals, woods, plastics, fiberglass and hard pressed fiber papers.

20. (Previously Presented) The multi-use carrier of Claim 19, wherein the surfaces of the nonflexible panels are configured for receiving a plurality of printed messages and images concerning food, beverage, gardening, janitorial, construction, microbiological, chemical, nuclear, business promotion, and recreational board game subject matters.